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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

November 15, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JASON ALTMIRE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, on a November day 144 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg National Cemetery gave the greatest and most famous speech ever given on American soil.

In efforts to hold this young nation together, Lincoln addressed the Civil War as testing the nation, "any nation that is conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all people are created equal."

Lord, let his unforgettable words dedicate us and renew us in the cause of freedom. Help us living to fight the unfinished work, to give great memory to those who gave the last full measure of their devotion to this Nation under God that it may have new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, for the people, and by the people shall not perish from this Earth.

Help us, Lord, to be understanding and patient when wars begin around this world in the search for freedom. Help us to be supportive and understanding both now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. DRAKE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DRAKE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to ten 1-minute requests on each side.

### PRESIDENT "NO"

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, this Democratic Congress was elected to take our Nation in a new direction. We have worked to make meaningful changes for American families by passing fiscally responsible appropriations bills that fund priorities here at home, priorities neglected by the President and the previous Congresses. But every step of the way, President Bush has stood as a roadblock to the progress Americans demanded.

For example, House Democrats worked in a bipartisan way to pass legislation authorizing the popular Children's Health Insurance Program, but the President used his veto pen to say "no" to providing health care to 10 million children. We passed the vital infrastructure bill, known as WRDA, which authorizes critical projects to

protect communities across the country from natural disasters. The President again said "no." But, fortunately, our Republican colleagues joined us in overriding the veto.

Mr. Speaker, now President "No" has vetoed yet another important bill that invests in labor, health, and education priorities for our country. It is again time for House Republicans to stand with us in supporting this bipartisan legislation opposing yet another veto.

### HONORING ALLEGHENY POLICE DETECTIVE LAWRENCE CARPICO AND SARAH DEIULIIS

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. In Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania, a town in my congressional district, Allegheny Police Detective Lawrence Carpico saved the life of 16-year-old Sarah Deiuliis, a victim of a school acquaintance, on October 31, 2007. Sarah had been lured into the woods by someone she considered a friend. When the young man attacked her with a hammer, she fended off her attacker and ran luckily into the path of Detective Carpico who happened upon the couple while walking a dog. Detective Carpico, who was off duty at the time, acted decisively and ushered the girl to safety and called for the assistance of on-duty officers and medics. For his actions, he will be presented with the Mount Lebanon Police Department's Chief's Award.

Likewise, let's recognize Sarah, who displayed extraordinary courage in the face of extreme danger. She fought back against her attacker using intelligence and quick thinking. For this, she will be recognized with the Survivor Award.

It is a great honor to represent such courageous citizens and to present

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